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**Subject:** RE: Press Inquiry Help: E&E News, PFAS in Pesticide Packaging, DDL 12:30 PM

Hi Kerry – thanks for the heads up. Please copy us on your response to Rhina.

Best,  
Catherine

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Hi Nancy and Kerry,

We got a press inquiry from E&E News regarding the PFAS in pesticide packaging issue. Sorry for the quick turnaround, but we have to get an answer to the reporters by COB Wednesday. Could you please help with the following questions by **12:30 PM today?**

6. *Regarding EPA's Inert Finder, are companies meant to use that as a baseline for what inert ingredients are permitted?*
7. *Are there any PFAS listed in the finder? If so, how has EPA been able to rule them out as a potential source of the contamination?*

Best,  
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